

Letter written to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Colledge by William Hadfield

In 1970 William wrote the following letter to his friends, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Colledge. In October 1971 William passed away. In 1982, the Hadfield family was given the same hand-written letter at the funeral of Thomas A. Colledge by the Colledge family.

Lehi, Utah, April 2, 1970

My dear Friends of Yesterday;

If I only had the old Bay Mare and the Mail Cab, I probably would get into it and come and see you, but as I do not have them, I am coming to see you on a note of paper. I sure do miss those grand friends, most of them have gone to sleep. I had a lovely half hour with Joe Menford at the mortuary last week. I have learned what it means to have friends to help you when you cannot help yourself.

How are you since I have left the old 3rd Ward? I am amongst a new group of people. I still have my old house but it is not home any more. The old Mail Route has changed and Uncle Nephi Slater's home is about to fall down. I have my girls or boys give me a ride over the old route when they take me for a ride. Perhaps they will need a Mailman in Paradise. If so, I will ask for the job. Well folks, I am now 91 years old, so my hands are wobbly, so please excuse poor writing and accept my best blessings for you.

Sincerely,
Your old Friend
Bishop William Hadfield